

VALUATIONS OF 100 "SAFER" STOCKS

A Data-Driven Analysis of Valuation, Profitability, and Balance-Sheet Strength

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Advisors can use this report to compare these companies' ratios with those of their current holdings, highlighting differences in profitability, leverage, and valuation. Such contrasts can reveal where portfolio risks may be understated—or where more resilient alternatives may exist.

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100 Safer Stocks Average* Ratios

Average P/S	Average P/E	Price to		Debt		Average 5-Yr Annual. Rev. Growth
0.9	11.7	3.3	15.0	0.4	1.9	7.0%

^{*}Averages exclude negative values

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			Market Cap			Price to	Price	Debt	Debt to	5-Yr.
Symbol	Name	Price	(\$ million)	P/S	P/E	Tan.	to	to	Tan.	Annual.
Α Α	Alega Camp	#26.40		0.7	0.5	Eq.	FCF	Rev.	Eq.	Rev. Gr.
AA	Alcoa Corp.	\$36.49	\$9,448	0.7	9.5	1.6	16.2	0.7	1.5	6.4%
ADM	Archer-Daniels	\$63.38	\$30,452	0.4	28	2	7.4	0.4	1.9	5.2%
AIN	Albany Internat.	\$56.71	\$1,671	1.4	26.7	2.5	17.6	0.7	1.2	3.7%
ALG	Alamo Group, In.	\$184.38	\$2,233	1.4	18.9	3	12.1	0.3	0.6	6.7%
AMKR	Amkor Technolog.	\$31.27	\$7,728	1.2	25.3	1.8	27.9	0.5	0.8	6.6%
AMR	Alpha Metallurg.	\$153.23	\$2,000	8.0	-53.7	1.3	11.5	0.3	0.5	8.9%
ARLP	Alliance Resour.	\$24.62	\$3,162	1.4	13.3	1.8	10.7	0.5	0.6	8.5%
ARW	Arrow Electroni.	\$117.52	\$6,052	0.2	12.9	1.5	12.9	0.6	4.3	0.8%
ASTE	Astec Industrie.	\$47.42	\$1,085	8.0	23.6	1.7	14	0.3	0.6	3.7%
ATKR	Atkore, Inc.	\$66.11	\$2,225	0.8	20.2	2.4	8.5	0.5	1.5	10.0%
AVT	Avnet, Inc.	\$52.48	\$4,268	0.2	17.8	1	7.4	0.3	1.7	4.7%
BKR	Baker Hughes Co.	\$44.46	\$43,832	1.6	14.2	5.5	20.2	0.8	2.6	4.3%
BSQKZ	Block, Inc.	\$77.69	\$47,356	2	16.1	5.3	26.5	0.6	1.6	32.3%
BTU	Peabody Energy .	\$32.95	\$4,007	1	24.5	1.1	29.1	0.5	0.6	1.8%
CALM	Cal-Maine Foods.	\$93.10	\$4,515	1.1	3.7	1.8	4.2	0.1	0.2	25.8%
CBT	Cabot Corp.	\$68.51	\$3,645	1	7.9	2.7	11.4	0.6	1.6	6.5%
ccs	Century Communi.	\$60.50	\$1,796	0.4	6.9	0.7	14.9	0.5	8.0	8.9%
CENT	Central Garden .	\$29.47	\$1,852	0.6	13.2	3.2	5.9	0.7	3.6	4.0%
COLM	Columbia Sports.	\$51.02	\$2,794	8.0	12.4	1.8	10.9	0.4	8.0	4.4%
CTSH	Cognizant Techn.	\$66.77	\$32,610	1.6	13.4	4.9	14.3	0.2	0.7	4.1%
CXW	CoreCivic, Inc.	\$18.00	\$1,927	1	18.5	1.3	11.3	0.8	1.1	0.3%
DDS	Dillard's, Inc.	\$600.25	\$9,372	1.4	16.3	5	15.2	0.3	0.9	5.0%
DHI	D.R. Horton, In.	\$155.22	\$46,275	1.3	11.6	1.9	16.6	0.3	0.5	12.8%
DINO	HF Sinclair Cor.	\$52.01	\$9,730	0.4	-119.6	1.5	16.9	0.3	1.2	13.5%
DNOW	DNOW, Inc.	\$14.00	\$1,470	0.6	17.7	1.7	7	0.2	0.6	0.3%
EPAM	EPAM Systems, I.	\$142.99	\$7,964	1.6	19.9	3.9	19.4	0.2	0.5	15.2%
EXPD	Expeditors Inte.	\$117.36	\$15,927	1.4	18.6	7.3	19.7	0.2	1.2	5.6%
EZPW	EZCORP, Inc.	\$19.01	\$1,158	0.9	11.8	1.9	11.3	0.7	1.5	7.2%
FLS	Flowserve Corp.	\$50.52	\$6,607	1.4	21	9.4	16.6	0.7	4.8	3.6%
FOXA	Fox Corp.	\$57.53	\$25,664	1.6	11.2	4.8	8.6	0.7	2	5.8%
GBX	Greenbrier Cos	\$45.92	\$1,418	0.4	6	1.1	17.1	0.7	2	2.8%
GIC	Global Industri.	\$34.20	\$1,312	1	20.1	5.5	24.6	0.2	1.2	7.2%
GIII	G-III Apparel G.	\$27.27	\$1,151	0.4	5.9	1.1	3.5	0.2	0.7	4.1%
GRBK	Green Brick Par.	\$67.30	\$2,932	1.4	7.6	1.7	18	0.2	0.3	19.3%
GVA	Granite Constru.	\$106.42	\$4,660	1.1	25.5	6.4	15.1	0.5	2.7	2.8%
HAL	Halliburton Co.	\$22.39	\$19,085	0.9	10.2	2.5	8.9	0.7	2	3.2%
HLIT	Harmonic, Inc.	\$10.26	\$1,167	1.7	17	5.7	9.9	0.5	1.6	12.0%
HRL	Hormel Foods Co.	\$23.66	\$13,010	1.1	17.4	9.4	18.7	0.5	3.9	4.2%
HUBG	Hub Group, Inc.	\$34.67	\$2,122	0.6	21.2	3.5	16.9	0.3	1.8	2.0%
HUM	Humana, Inc.	\$262.30	\$31,547	0.3	19.9	4.4	12.9	0.3	4.4	11.8%
HUN	Huntsman Corp.	\$8.40	\$1,459	0.2	-5.9	0.8	10.9	0.3	2.2	-1.1%
IAC	IAC, Inc.	\$33.27	\$2,667	0.2	-5.8	1.1	17	0.7	1	2.4%
IDT	IDT Corp.	\$47.99	\$1,211	1	11.9	4.8	11.6	0.0	1.1	-1.9%
INGR	Ingredion, Inc.	\$120.43	\$7,729	1.1	11.3	2.6	9.6	0.2	1.1	4.0%
JJSF	J&J Snack Foods.	\$93.45	\$1,819	1.1	21.7	3	27.3	0.3	0.7	8.1%
KFY								0.3		
	Konnematal Inc	\$69.39	\$3,635	1.3	14.7	4.3	12		2.3	8.6%
KMT	Kennametal, Inc.	\$22.14	\$1,683	0.9	17.1	1.8	14.1	0.6	1.3	0.9%
KMX	CarMax, Inc.	\$44.43	\$6,524	0.2	11.7	1.1	12.1	0.8	3.4	8.1%
LCII	LCI Industries	\$87.00	\$2,109	0.5	13.9	6.1	7.1	0.5	5.2	10.6%
LEVI	Levi Strauss & .	\$21.43	\$8,374	1.3	19.8	5.2	26.8	0.7	2.7	4.8%
LSTR	Landstar System.	\$126.47	\$4,383	0.9	26.1	5	23.3	0.2	0.9	5.0%

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LZB	La-Z-Boy, Inc.	\$32.12	\$1,324	0.6	13.1	Eq. 1.7	FCF 11.7	Rev. 0.4	Eq. 1.2	Rev. Gr. 6.0%
MHK	Mohawk Industri.	\$127.49	\$7,921	0.7	16.7	1.3	16.5	0.4	0.9	2.9%
MHO	M/I Homes, Inc.	\$134.46	\$3,548	0.8	6.9	1.2	26.8	0.4	0.5	10.8%
MOH	Molina Healthca.	\$192.39	\$10,428	0.2	9.2	4.3	24.4	0.3	4.8	19.8%
MRC	MRC Global, Inc.	\$132.39	\$1,128	0.4	28.2	8.2	10.5	0.3	9	-0.9%
MSM	MSC Industrial .	\$85.29	\$4,749	1.3	24.3	8.6	18	0.4	2	2.6%
NHC	National Health.	\$122.28	\$1,895	1.3	18	2.3	14.4	0.4	0.6	7.3%
NOV	NOV, Inc.	\$122.20	\$4,759	0.5	9.9	1.1	5.2	0.4	1.1	2.4%
NTXVF	Nexteer Automot.	\$0.97	\$2,440	0.6	20.2	1.1	12.7	0.3	1.1	8.4%
NWSA	News Corp.	\$26.58	\$14,947	1.7	23.2	6	20.6	0.7	2.5	-0.2%
Oll	Oceaneering Int.	\$20.36	\$2,270	0.8	11.2	2.9	20.4	0.7	1.9	6.5%
OSK			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0.8	13.4	3.9	14.8	0.5	2.5	7.4%
	Oshkosh Corp. Par Pacific Hol.	\$136.18	\$8,716							
PARR PHM	PulteGroup, Inc.	\$35.47 \$124.72	\$1,802 \$24,607	0.2 1.4	-94.1 9	1.8	15 18.1	0.4	2.7 0.4	11.0% 10.8%
PLAB	Photronics, Inc.	\$23.52	\$1,387	1.6	8.1	1.3	15.4	0.3	0.4	6.8%
PLPC			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
PLUS	Preformed Line .	\$240.05	\$1,182	1.9	27.9	2.8	29.8 19.4	0.3	0.4	6.9%
PLUS	ePlus, Inc. Plexus Corp.	\$73.36 \$150.10	\$1,953 \$4,051	0.9	18.1 24.9	2.6	16.2	0.4	1.1	6.4% 4.1%
PPC	Pilgrim's Pride.	\$38.14	\$9,059	0.5	7.3	5.9	8.2	0.4	4.2	9.1%
PRG		\$30.14	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0.5	5.8	4.1	5.7	0.4	2.6	11.7%
PTEN	PROG Holdings, . Patterson-UTI E.	\$5.74	\$1,252	0.3	-2.1		6.6	0.3	1.1	22.9%
RHI			\$2,211	0.4		1.1 3.1	11.6		1.4	-0.5%
ROCK	Robert Half, In. Gibraltar Indus.	\$32.51 \$65.97	\$3,307 \$1,947	1.5	18.6 14.9	3.9	18.9	0.3	0.9	2.9%
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RS RUSHA	Reliance, Inc. Rush Enterprise.	\$272.86 \$51.30	\$14,351	0.5	19.4 13.9	3.5 2.3	17.2	0.2	0.8	7.1%
SANM	Sanmina Corp.		\$3,994 \$7,026	0.9	24.9	3.1	10.2 19.3	0.3	1.5 1.2	8.1% 2.9%
SBH	Sally Beauty Ho.	\$131.86 \$14.88	\$1,472	0.9	7.6	8.9	8.8	0.5	1.2	0.9%
SHOO	Steven Madden L.	\$35.35	\$2,568	1.1	26.5	9	21.8	0.4	3.6	10.1%
SKY	Champion Homes,.	\$71.03	\$4,014	1.6	18.1	3.6	22	0.4	0.5	15.0%
SUN	Sunoco LP	\$52.39	\$7,156	0.3	25.6	3.4	24.8	0.5	5	9.4%
TDW	Tidewater, Inc.	\$50.45	\$2,497	1.8	12.6	2.2	8.7	0.7	0.8	24.4%
THO	Thor Industries.	\$104.36	\$5,493	0.6	24.8	3.4	10.2	0.7	1.8	3.3%
TILE		\$27.23	\$1,589	1.2	16.6	3.9	13.1	0.5	1.7	1.8%
TKR	Interface, Inc. The Timken Co.	\$74.69	\$5,202	1.2	15.3	9.2	16.5	0.8	6.3	5.0%
TMHC	Taylor Morrison.	\$62.61	\$6,189	0.7	6.8	1.1	11.8	0.4	0.6	9.1%
TNC	Tennant Co.	\$79.82	\$1,474	1.2	24.3	3.8	23.3	0.5	1.5	3.8%
TOL	Toll Brothers, .	\$134.40	\$12,954	1.2	9.4	1.6	17.9	0.6	0.8	9.1%
TPH	Tri Pointe Home.	\$32.15	\$2,813	0.7	7.7	0.9	7.1	0.4	0.5	4.4%
TSN	Tyson Foods, In.	\$52.82	\$18,792	0.3	23.1	5.9	14.5	0.3	5.6	4.9%
TXT	Textron, Inc.	\$82.55	\$14,711	1	18	2.9	26.3	0.7	1.9	2.3%
UFPI	UFP Industries,.	\$91.41	\$5,354	0.8	15.8	2	20.5	0.1	0.3	8.1%
UNF	UniFirst Corp.	\$161.80	\$3,000	1.2	19.8	2.1	19.9	0.2	0.4	5.8%
UNFI	United Natural .	\$43.10	\$2,506	0.1	-38	2.5	11.2	0.2	5.9	4.0%
URBN	Urban Outfitter.	\$67.91	\$6,091	1.1	13.6	2.5	21	0.4	0.8	9.9%
UVV	Universal Corp.	\$53.26	\$1,325	0.5	10.2	1.1	10	0.6	1.4	8.8%
VC	Visteon Corp.	\$116.06	\$3,166	0.8	10.5	2.6	9.6	0.4	1.4	9.0%
WFRD	Weatherford Int.	\$63.04	\$4,528	0.9	8.7	3.8	9.6	0.7	3	3.5%
YELP	Yelp, Inc.	\$33.49	\$2,112	1.5	14.2	3.8	7.4	0.2	0.4	8.8%
YETI	YETI Holdings	\$34.28	\$2,784	1.5	15.7	5	13.9	0.3	0.9	14.0%
	Average			0.9	11.7	3.3	15.0	0.4	1.9	7.0%